Schedule of Events

Recognition Weekend • May 1-2, 2009

Friday, May 1st

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.The Charles Proteus Steinmetz Symposium

Presentations on student creative, scholarly and research achievement. Programs and information are available in the Arts Atrium, just inside the north entrance

to Social Sciences and just inside the entrance to the Olin Building

Student presentation sessions begin at 9:00 a.m.

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.Becker Career Center Open House

Becker Career Center

Golub House

6:30 p.m.Steinmetz Symposium Banquet

Upperclass Dining Hall

For Symposium presenters, their parents, guests, and faculty sponsors

Memorial Chapel

"Steinmetz Concert 2009"

Saturday, May 2nd

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Prize Day

Memorial Chapel

Reamer Campus Center Patio

Taylor Music Center

Fred L. Emerson Foundation Auditorium

The C-Store will be open:

Friday from 8:45 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Saturday from 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Sunday from 10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

The Nott Memorial will be open:

Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. The

Bookstore will be open:

Friday from 8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Schaffer Library will be open:

Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Dedication

harles Proteus Steinmetz (1865-1923) was "the most widely known professor ever a member of the Union College faculty." Steinmetz served as the Chief Consulting Engineer of the General Electric Company and was widely regarded as the leading electrical engineer in the United States. He nonetheless took charge of Union's new electrical engineering curriculum, serving as Professor of Electrical Engineering and Applied Physics from 1902 until his death in 1923. Far from merely lending his name to the endeavor, Steinmetz served actively as a lecturer in both undergraduate and postgraduate courses. He wished for his students "the spirit of divine discontent, for without it the world would stand still."

Union is proud to dedicate The Charles Proteus Steinmetz Symposium on Student Creative, Scholarly and Research Achievement to the memory of this scholar, teacher, and practitioner.

Kristin M. Fox
Director of Undergraduate Research

Sessions are at the following times

Friday, May 1st, 2009

SESSION I

9:00 – 10:20 a.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations in Bailey Hall, the Humanities Building, the Olin

Building, the Science & Engineering Center and the Social Sciences Building

SESSION II

10:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations in the Arts Building, Bailey Hall, the Humanities

Building, the Olin Building, Science & Engineering Center, the Social Sciences

Building, and the Taylor Music Center

SESSION III

12:20 – 1:50 p.m. Poster Session, other Special Presentations

SESSION IV

2:00 – 3:20 p.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations in the Arts Building, Bailey Hall, the Humanities

Building, the Olin Building, Science & Engineering Center, and the Social

Sciences Building

SESSION V

3:30 – 5:10 p.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations in the Arts Building, Bailey Hall, the Humanities

Building, the Olin Building, Science & Engineering Center, and the Social

Sciences Building

Improvisational Theater Performance in Yulman Theatre

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Dance Performances in the Nott Memorial

8:00 p.m. Steinmetz Concert, Memorial Chapel

Saturday, May 2nd, 2009

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. *Jazz Ensemble* in the Taylor Music Center, Fred L. Emerson Foundation Auditorium

Student Visual Arts exhibitions are in the Burns Arts Atrium throughout the weekend.

9:00 – 10:20 a.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations

Arts—215 Moderator: Louisa Matthew

Art History

KELLY CRAPAROTTA The Gift of Warhol

MEGAN HYNDMAN Art, Death, and Politics in Renaissance Florence: The Tomb of Cosimo de' Medici

Bailey Hall—201 Moderator: Kim Plofker

Mathematics I

SARAH BRITTON The Elliptic Curve Factoring Algorithm

MARGARET CALLAHAN Leonhard Euler and The Motion of Comets in Parabolic Orbits

SARAI CANARIO Mathematical Explanation of Pendulum Motion

CHELSEA ZIOBRO Euler's Rechenkunst (Arithmetic)

Bailey Hall—207 Moderator: Rob Lauzon

Biological Sciences I

COLLEEN EASTON Characterizing Gut Looping in Chicken Embryos

AMY FRANKENTHALER Impact of Concomitant Immunosuppression on the Presentation and Prognosis of

Patients with Melanoma

MEGAN KAKNISDevelopmental regulation of phagocyte receptor genes during the asexual budding

cycle in an ancestral chordate.

MATTHEW KEARNEY Developmentally-regulated expression of caspases during cyclic blastogenesis in a

colonial urochordate.

Bailey Hall—312 Moderator: Joshua Hart

Psychology I

ANDREW SCAPLEN Adventure programs: Long term effects on college students

JORDAN ZELINGER The Effects of an Acute Bout of Aerobic Video-Exergaming on Cognitive Ability

JENNIFER LACHANCE The Tripartite Security System: A Closer Look at its Effects Over a Series of Seven Days

JAMES SCHWABACH Going All In: The effects of Mortality Salience on Risk-Taking While Gambling

Moderator: Hans-Freidrich Mueller

Moderator: Judith Lewin

Moderator: Andrew Morris

Moderator: Charles Batson

Session

9:00 – 10:20 a.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations

Humanities Building—008

Classics I

MICHAEL GLICKMAN Insults: Their Importance and Impact in Ancient Rome.

JESSICA LATINO The Fathers and Daughters of Ovid's Metamorphoses Mirrored in Augustan Society

SHANNON PACKER Representations of Women Athletes in Ancient Greece

Humanities Building—014

English Honors Theses I

MEREDITH LIPPMANPolitical Implications in Rock and Roll Music from the Vietnam War Era **KAREN SELCHICK**Interpreting the Other Through Three Stages of Intellect in Harry Potter

CARA GALLIVAN From Hanoi to Baghdad: An Analysis of Mainstream Press in Times of Foreign Conflict

ERIN SCHUMAKER Changed Light, A Poetry Collection

Humanities Building—019

Disaster Relief and Prevention: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

CHRISTINA DEMPSEYDebilitating Disasters: The Incorporation of Mental Health in the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 **ALEX HANDIN**Addressing the American Flood Problem: Flood Control Structures versus Flood Plain

Management, an Environmental History Perspective

SARAH YERGEAU Charity Hospital System: Suggestions for Change in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

GREGORY MITCHELL Tragedy at Memorial: Katrina's Effects on Health Care and the Euthanasia Debate

Humanities Building—112

French & Francophone Studies

STEPHANIE BERLIND Diderot, Voltaire, et les Défauts de l'Europe: The Manipulation of the Noble

Savage to Criticize Western Society

JESSICA DOLBEARE Women's Experiences in the Men's World of Soccer in France
KAITLYN O'CONNOR Can France be both a Liberal Democracy and a Secular Nation?

LAUREN OBST Public Service, Private Struggle: The Subversive Voice of a Canonized French Storyteller

Olin Building—106 Moderator: Zhang Wu

Environmental Studies

JESSICA STEIN

The Role of Nuclear Energy in Addressing the Energy and Environmental Crisis

ALEXANDIRA ZIRBEL

A Social Impacts Study: Guam Military Buildup Effects on Marine Resources

9:00 – 10:20 a.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations

Olin Building—115 Moderator: Mike Hagerman

Nanotechnology

STEVEN HERRON Third Generation Solar Cells Based on the Inclusion of Quantum Dots and Ruthenium

Dyes within Laponite Films

MICHAEL TOPKA

Nanomorphology Studies of pEDOT in Organic-Inorganic Photovoltaic Devices

URSULA WILLIAMS

Functionalization of CdSe Nanocrystals for Inclusion in a Solar Energy Device

MICHELLE ROGERS The Influence of Carbon Nanotubes in Softball Bats

Olin Building—307 Moderator: Don Rodbell

Environmental Science & Geoscience I

BRANDON BOLDT Late Holocene climate of the central Andes identified from sedimentary, stable isotopic,

geochemical and biological proxies

JORDAN SILLETTI An Energy Audit of Beuth House & Richmond Hall

AMANDA BUCCI Timing of slumping determined from growth asymmetry in *Tsuga canadensis*, Bowman

Creek, Mohawk River watershed, NY

DOUGLAS MERKERT Detrital zircon fission track ages of the Wishbone and Chickaloon (Paleocene-Eocene)

formations in the Matanuska basin, southern Alaska

Science & Engineering Center—N205 Moderator: Aaron Cass

Computer Engineering & Computer Science

OWEN HENEGHAN Wii Punch: Tracking and Gesture Recognition for 3d Game Environments

DANIEL GNOUTCHEFF Controlling Head Parking on Laptop Hard Drives

UMBERTO CAPUANO Emergency Alert System for Union College Television and Radio

NICKOLAS POTVIN A Pedagogical Tool for Usability Science

BENJAMIN LYNCH Freeing video games from programmed restrictions

Science & Engineering Center—N210 Moderator: George Bizer

Persuasion

ALAN FOX Stereotypes and Advertising: The Relationship Between Personal Need for Structure

and the Assessment of Race-Related Sports Advertisements

MARISA GREENBERG Who's Buying It: Does Erikson's Theory of Psychosocial Development

Predict Persuasion?

ELISE WAKELAND Sex Guilt and Persuasion

ROSE FOLEY Reducing Prejudice in Right-Wing Authoritarians: The Effect of Cognitive Dissonance in

Changing Social Attitudes

9:00 – 10:20 a.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations

Science & Engineering Center—N304 Moderator: Chad Orzel

Astronomy and Physics

DAVID LUDWIGLaser Cooling and Trapping of Single Krypton Atoms **DAVID BARKER**Photometric Detection of Transiting Extrasolar Planets

THOMAS PERRY Radio-Frequency Studies at Super-High Resolution of Two Compact Radio Galaxies

Moderator: Jennifer Matsue

Moderator: Linda Cool

Moderator: Melinda Goldner

Moderator: Fuat Sener

PETER BONVENTRESearch for the Eta-Mesic Nucleus From Photo-Production on He-3 in CLAS

Social Sciences Building—012

East Asian Studies

JOHN FRANCIS Shojo Manga Subverting Heteronormative Structures

JACQUELINE OSTROFSKY The Worlds of Society and Self in Haruki Murakami's Fiction

Social Sciences Building—014

Anthropology I

ANNE HANSON Culture and Sex Education: Examining Notions of Cultural Sensitivity in Delivering

Comprehensive Sex Education

KATHERINE NEWINGHAM Cultural Barriers to Going Green

BRIAN ROSENBLATT The Brunt of the Joke: Behind the Laughs in Fijian Society

TAMAR SOROKER Corpulent Commercials: The Response of Television Food Advertisements to the

Childhood Obesity Crisis in America

Social Sciences Building—016

Sociology I

ANNIE BENFIELD The N Word: Comprehending the Complexity of Stratification in American Community Settings

SHARONA MOORE Images and Reflections of Black Mothering in Visual Culture and Empirical Literature

AMELIA WHITNEY The Medicalization of American Maternity Care: A Social Analysis

SIDNEY OLEFSON The Impact of Health Consumerism and Disease Advocacy Organizations on the

Doctor-Patient Relationship

Social Sciences Building—017

Economics Honors I

ALEXANDRA GIROMINI Has the Euro Affected where Germany Exports its Goods?

IAN DEMPSEY Patent Power: A Driving Force in Industry Growth and Prosperity

MICHAEL DILLON The Effects of Government Programs on Renewable Energy in the U.S.

NIKHIL PATEL The determinants of corruption: Results from new data and instruments

10:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations

Arts Building—215 Moderator: Chris Duncan

Visual Arts

MEGAN SESIL Suggested Planes: Nature Abstracted

ALEXANDRA DUBODEL Mary Cassatt and Berthe Morisot: Self-Portraits and Images Featuring Them by Edgar

Degas and Edouard Manet.

IAN BRENNAN I Don't Care Anymore

Bailey Hall—201 Moderator: Christina Tonnesen-Friedman

Mathematics II

JOHN ROBENSAnalysis and exploration of mathematical models pertaining to changes in body weight

PETER BONVENTRE Mathematical Modeling on Cell Phone Energy Usage

STEVEN NEIER John Robens

KATE COLANTUONO Phi: The Irrational Number

MICHAEL TOPKA

Batting Around with Continued Fractions: Exploring the use of Continued Fractions to

Determine Batting Records

ANDREW MACKENZIE The Mediancentre-Borda Rule and One-Way Monotonicity

Bailey Hall—207 Moderator: Scott Kirkton

Biological Sciences II

ELIZABETH NYBERG Enzymatic Changes in *Schistocerca americana* Grasshoppers During Development The effect of hyperoxia and hypoxia on the production of lactic acid in the jumping

muscle of the American Locust (Schistocerca americana).

MARGARET CAPOTOSTO Evaluating Drag Forces Experienced by the Aquatic Frog *Xenopus laevis* During Gliding

ZACH PORTMAN A 3-Dimensional Model of Bryophyte Canopy—Light Interaction

Bailey Hall—312 Moderator: Cay Anderson-Hanley

Psychology II

LARISSA CHUDOMEL Interactive Video Exer-Games for Older Adults: Cognitive and Physical Effects

ROBYN SCHNEIDERMAN Effects of Exergaming Autism

SARAH WESTEN Mediating effects of BDNF and IGF-1 on videogame-enhanced exercise for older adults:

Results from the Cybercycle Study

AMY KEMMLER The Effects of Marketing Strategy, Income and Gender on Decision to Purchase:

A Comprehensive Analysis of the Consumer Decision Making Process

NOZOMI SAKATA Spirituality Alteration Following Dance Classes

10:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations

Humanities Building-014

English/Modern Languages and Literatures

KIMBERLY GIAMBATTISTOTerroir: Philosophies of the Cuisines of France and China
'Oh My God I Think I Love You, So What Am I So Afraid Of?':

Milton's Paradise Lost and E. Lockhart's The Boyfriend List

EMMA KROSSCHELL A Reader and a Writer: Poetic Exploration

MILES KUEFFNER Surrealist Women: Objects or Subjects of Desire?

MARIE SCHUBERT Spanish Immersion: Challenges and Controversies

Humanities Building—019

Philosophy

DANIEL SCHIMMEL The Exchange of Personal Liberty for Security in the War on Terror: The Perversion of

Our American Ideals and Law Under the George H. W. Bush Administrations

Moderator: Hugh Jenkins

Moderator: Chalmers Clark

Moderator: Hans-Freidrich Mueller

Moderator: Joanne Kehlbeck

JENNIFER ATCHINSON Resurrecting Terri Schiavo: Advance Directives in Modern America

JESSICA HANDIBODE Who has the Right to Stop Treatment in Innovative Care, the Physician or the Patient?

Humanities Building—112

Classics II

RICHARD CAISTER Socrates: The Man, the Myth, the Legend

GINA CHIUMINATTOThe Problem of Formal Equivalence : Metrical translation of Anacreon and Baudelaire

SARAH COLEMAN Thucydides as a Model for the Writings of Sallust: A Stylistic Comparison

CHUCK FONTANA Translating the Jesuits: Syrian Mission of 1626

Olin Building—106

Chemistry and Chemical Biology

BRADLEY GOLDBERG The solid-phase synthesis of new peptoid molecular transporters

ELIZABETH ZAMORE Synthesis and Evaluation of a Novel Molecular Transporter **LAURA CASTELLANO** Preparation of C2-Symmetric Transition Metal Complexes

DANIEL BAILEY Investigating para-hydrogen induced polarization (PHIP) in hydrogenation reactions

10:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations

Olin Building—115

Moderator: Janet Anderson

Biochemistry I

MICHAEL VAN METER Abf1p: An Investigation into the Mechanism Underlying a Transcriptional

Memory Effect in Yeast

LUISA CABRERA The Effect of Side-chain Conformation on Dipeptide Electrostatic Energy

DANIEL MARTINELLI IgA Mediated Protection against *Salmonella enterica* servoar Typhimurium Compromises

Barrier Function

EVAN SCHLOSS Cloning and Expression of a Metacaspase Gene from the mushroom-producing fungus

Schizophyllum commune

SHAZIA BAIG Identification and Cloning of a Second Putative Metacaspase from *Schizophyllum commune*

Moderator: Jackie Cockburn

Moderator: Becky Cortez

Moderator: Robert Hislope

Olin Building—307

Environmental Science and Geoscience II

JONATHAN CAMPANO Dendrogeomorphology as a means to measure inter-seismic subsidence, Alaganik

Slough, Copper River Delta, Alaska

JULIE LA SPINA The Effects of Fire and Deer Herbivory on Oak Regeneration in an Eastern Deciduous Forest

NIELS OLSEN Making Compost Harder Better Faster Stronger

JACOB KLEIN Photodegradation of Ultraviolet Filter Chemicals in Natural Surface Waters

Science & Engineering Center—N304

Mechanical Engineering I

MATT BEENEN The Design and Construction of a High Efficiency and Performance Vehicle

EDWARD LINCOLN

CAILEIGH WARREN Design of a Fiber Placement Nozzle in Manufacture of Composite Parts

CHRISTINE FARRELL Investigation of Flow through Artificial Mitral Heart Valves and the Development

of a Flow Simulation System

BENJAMIN BRISTOW Design of a Self Inflating Personal Flotation Device able to be Manually Re-Armed

Social Sciences Building—012

Political Science I

MEAGAN KEENAN What is to be Done?: Fordism and the demise of working class identity in the United States

SHANIQUE KERR Jamaican Primary Level Education: Cultivating Global Leaders

SEAN MULKERNEBellum Americanum: The Neoconservative Influence on US Foreign Policy

ZACHARY PATNODE The Clash and Rage Against the Machine Through the Lens of Marcuse and Gramsci

GREG KARAMIAN KARAMIAN

ADRIENNE HART Music and its Emotional Effects in Politics: A Study on September 11th

10:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations

Social Sciences Building—014

History I

STEPHANIE BERLIND The Noble Savage and Europe:

JARED IACOLUCCI Popular Opinion of the British Empire: An analysis of media coverage during the Arab

Moderator: Melinda Lawson

Moderator: Janet Grigsby

Moderator: Eshragh Motahar

Moderator: Timothy Olsen

Rising of 1920

MICHAEL BARTLES Carpetbaggers: the Slandered Servants of Reconstruction

JOHN NOBREGA Political Machines

Social Sciences Building—016

Sociology II

MARIEL FOX
Constantly Connected: The Internet's Effect on Face-to-Face Interaction
ASHLYN PENDLETON
Put Your Best Shoe Forward: An Exploration of Modern Fashion as a

Way to Create Self-Identity and Manage Impression

SHARONA MOORE Sexual Ambivalence: Understanding Race, Class, Gender and Attitudes Toward Prostitution

KATIE PANDOLFO 9/11 Health Activism

JULIA VU Attitudes and Preference of Vietnamese People toward Folklore and Scientific Medicine

Social Sciences Building—017

Economics Honors II

PATRICIA LINDEN The Role of Uncertainty in Aggregate Investment

MALLORY MASON Exploring State-Specific Policies to Address the Problem of Rising Obesity in the U.S.

LINDSEY SHELLEY Interest Rates and Asset Bubbles: How Low is Too Low?

FARIHA RAMAY Impact of Payer Status on Utilization of Ambulatory and Hospital Services

Taylor Music Center—120

Music

LUKE BRYDEN Composition and Audio Production of an Original Concept Album

PETER MACDONALD Changing Days

MAXWELL TAYLOR Making the Musical: An Inside Look

12:20 – 1:50 p.m. • Special Presentations

Olin Rotunda Moderator: Laurie Tyler

Poster Session I

CHRISTOPHER PILLSBURY JOHANNAH RYAN MICHAEL MARTIN ANGELA MCLELLAND How fast are U? Integrating science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in testing reaction time.

LINAH RUSERE Synthesis and Crystal Structures of Ni(II), Cu(II) and and mu-oxo-Fe(III) Complexes of a

salen Type Ligand and Comparison to the Co(II) Analogue: Mononuclear Versus Multi-

nuclear Complex Formation Based on the Identity of the Metal Center

PHILIP CASTONGUAY The impact of color and motion on detection of visual stimuli in Anolis lizards.

HUIQING ZHENG Engineering *Escherichia coli* for Enhanced Butanol Tolerance

PAUL HEBERT Spectroscopic Analysis of Metal-Porphyrin Complexes in Aerogels **CHARLES HARRINGTON** Development of a Constant Acceleration Mössbauer Spectrometer

for Environmental Research

KATHERINE HALKYARD Evidence for a primitive water-absorbing organ in the little skate, *L. erinacea*.

KATELYN O'BRIEN Using ALFALFA to Study the HI Content of the Galaxy Group NGC 5846

GREGORY KELLY Solar PV Powered Thermoelectric Refrigerator

LASANTHA PATHIRANA Development of Wind/Solar Hybrid Power System

KYLE KESEL Does removal of invasive black locust ensure a successful return to pre-invasion

soil characteristics?

ELISABETH HIGGINS Medicare: Part D

VIKRAM RAVIKUMAR The Distribution of Campaign Contributions in Congressional Races

12:20 – 1:50 p.m. • Special Presentations (cont'd)

Reamer Campus Center

Poster Session II Moderator: David Hodgson

CONOR DODD Collaborative Control in Robotics

DALE CHAPUT Evaluating the efficiency and mechanism of cellular uptake of a novel cell-penetrating

peptide and peptoid

DANIEL SPEROSearching for the Determinates of Retail and Business Development Success in Upstate

New York's Post-industrial Cities

TOMAS SADILEK Two-dimensional Gel Electrophoresis

BENJAMIN COHEN Investigation of a Radiant Heating System

ROCIO MONTERODido's Tragedy: Different Interpretations of Dido in Historical and Classical

Texts in Comparison to Depictions of Dido in Baroque Art

SHANNON BRADY The Geological History of Montserrat

JOE CATALANO

KAITLIN CLARK

REBECCA GRONCZNIAK Volcanic Processes of Soufriere Hills, Montserrat

DOUGLAS MERKERT

MATTHEW KISSANE

TYLER WILLEY Monitoring Techniques Used On the Soufriere Hills Volcano

BRANDON BOLDT

STEVEN MCDERMOTT

ZACHARY SMITH Bioassay guided fractionation of anthelminthic compounds from Paulownia tomentosa

HYEON HWANGBO Improvement of an Enzyme Kinetics Experiment for a Biochemistry Course

BRIAN CARD Machine Learning and Music: An Automatic Harmonization System

VALERIE ANGELL Design and Application of Theatrical Makeup

2:00 – 3:20 p.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations

Social Sciences Building—014

Anthropology II

JULIA BERNSTEIN Assimilation and Acculturation in Guyanese-American teenagers in Schenectady

JEFF HYDE "They can do that?": Issues of Identity, Privacy, and the Commercialization of Facebook

Moderator: Karen Brison

KARA LIGHTMANDomestic Violence in Cambodia **EMMA SANDS-MILSOM**The Evolution of Vegetarianism

Arts Building—215 Moderator: Zoe Oxley

Mixed

LUCIA REED The Proper Role of Religion in the Public Schools

REBECCA SEEL American **KAITY MODESTO** "Fly Like a Bird"

ROBERT SHIRLEY Public Displays of Political Action

Bailey Hall—201 Moderator: Steve Romero

Neuroscience

TATUM WEISHAUPT Academic Stress in First Year Students

STEPHANIE MUGNAI Effects of Therapeutic Horseback Riding on Behaviors from the Autism Spectrum

CASSANDRA BLANCHETTE Investigation of Ppt1 and other lysosomal storage disease genes during

Drosophila neurogenesis

DEIRDRE FINNEGAN Functional MRI and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing

Bailey Hall—207 Moderator: Brad Lewis

Economics I

PETER PETERS Should Denmark Join the Netherlands in the Euro Zone?

VALENCIA STARR The Effect of Revitalization of Downtown Schenectady on the Low Income Population

RYAN BOWESHealth Care: Is the Single Payer System Right for the United States?

SHAWN JOHNSTON Alumni Giving at Union College: An Economic Evaluation of the Determinants

of Alumni Giving Behavior

Bailey Hall—312 Moderator: Kenneth DeBono

Psychology III

ANA HWANGSurvival Processing: Is The Human Memory System Fine Tuned to Remember Survival

Relevant Information?

ELIZABETH FORTIER Social Context and its Effect on Personnel Slection Decisions of High and Low Self-Monitors

SUSAN GRIFFIN The relationship between film and culture: the effectiveness of film on shaping attitudes

toward homosexuality

HUAN CHEN Children's Perceptions of Cyber Bullying vs. Traditional Bullying

Moderator: Judith Lewin

Moderator: Erika Nelson

Moderator: Hans-Freidrich Mueller

Session V

2:00 – 3:20 p.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations

Humanities Building—014

English Honors Thesis II

RANDEL BLEEKER "Doctoring is a human act": Emotions, Connections, and Relationships

in Medical Memoirs.

LAUREN OBST Enchanted Reflections: Transforming through Beauty and the Beast's Looking Glass **KARA MCCABE** The Struggle of Love and Sex: A Study of D.H. Lawrence's Relationship to Women in

WESLEY WHITAKER Sketches of Life

Humanities Building—019

A Case for Community Service Learning: Serving Schenectady's Salvation Army

BRIAN KARIMI-PASHAKI Increasing the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Salvation Army

ELIZABETH LANZABehind the Scenes at the Salvation Army **REBECCA ROBINSON**Sharing Stories of the Salvation Army

LAUREN SHEVLIN Creating a Program of Change: Union Serving Schenectady --Students and the Soup

Kitchen

Humanities Building—112

Classics III

MATTHEW ANGELOSANTO Roman Cultural Attitudes toward the Environment in Ovid's Metamorphoses

JACQUELINE BLONSTEIN Revealing Role of Priests in Valerius Maximus

ANDREW KEHL Romanization in the Greek East: Religious, Historical and Literary Identity

SAMANTHA COHEN Greco-Roman Conquest of Egypt

Olin Building—106 Moderator: Nicole Theodosiou

Biological Sciences III

MARIA-CLAIRE PIETAK Analysis of the Uptake Efficiency of Novel Cell Penetrating Peptides

DANIELLE KIMBLE Color polymorphism in *Plethodon cinereus*: Mutations in the Melanocortin-1 Receptor

CARLY HYATT

CAROLINA DEN HARTOGCharacterizing cell proliferation during gut looping in the developing chicken embryo **EMMA LABROT**Aguaporin Expression in the Distal Spiral Intestine of the Little Skate, *Leucoraja erinacea*

2:00 - 3:20 p.m. **Concurrent Oral Presentations**

Olin Building—115

Moderator: Steve Horton

Moderator: James Hedrick

Biochemistry II

ALYSSA GOLDBERG Investigating the role of a metacaspase in the mushroom fungus Schizophyllum commune **COLETTE HYATT**

Investigating the role of cyclic AMP signaling in mushroom development in the spilt gill

fungus, Schizophyllum commune

MARTI GABRIELLA Expression and purification of scp1, a yeast metacaspase homolog, from Schizophyllum

commune

DEVIN HARRISON Development of an undergraduate laboratory: indentification of an unknown tripeptide

Olin Building—306

Electrical Engineering I

JONATHAN GOLD Applications of Piezoelectrics as a Battery-less Power Source KONSTANTIN AVDASHENKO Snowflake Analysis Using a Scanning Electron Microscope

THOMAS DILAURA Implementation of MIT's Teaching AFM for an Undergraduate Course in Nanotechonology **KATHLEEN RUCCI** Using an Ultrasound to Detect Vibrations in Musical Instruments and The Human Voice **ANDREW BARHITE**

Olin Building—307

Moderator: Laura MacManus-Spencer

Moderator: Richard Wilk

Environmental Science & Geoscience III

JONATHAN CAMPANO Video journal of a geologist: A week of explosions, ash, pyroclastic flows and rocks **DANIEL BOWDEN** A Baiting Technique to Reduce the Prevalence of Raccoon Roundworm in Allegheny

Woodrat Habitat

JOSEPH CATALANO Anisotropy of magnetic susceptibly and geochemistry The Hyde School Gneiss and

Rockport Granite, Northwest Adirondack Lowlands

MICHELLE WU Sorption of ultraviolet filter chemicals to sediment

Science & Engineering Center—N205

Energy Studies and Environmental Engineering

MATTHEW ADAMS Optimization of Building Energy on 712 Roger Hull Place

ANDREW HEISER Performance of Pervious Rubberized Concrete in Severe Freeze-Thaw Conditions

MALYSA CHENG ME/EE Hybrid Wind Turbine for the Union College Campus

KEVIN DONOVAN

DAVID SANDERS Environmentally Friendly Building

Moderator: Bill Keat

Moderator: Michele Angrist

Moderator: David Cotter

Moderator: Steve Schmidt

Session V

2:00 – 3:20 p.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations

Science & Engineering Center—N304

Mechanical Engineering II

ROBERT POWELL The Study of Humpback Whale Fins for Improved Airfoil Aerodynamics

PATRICK LINGANE The Design and Fabrication of a Micro Mechanical Dragonfly

WENDY BEATTY The Automation of Weaving

BRIAN HURLEY Optimization of a Next Generation Submersible

CHRIS KEINATH

Social Sciences Building—012

Political Science II

DEVIN BRODA The Political Development of the Modern Drug Enforcement Regime

ARIEL SINCOFF-YEDID Incorporating Men into Development in Gender in the Arab Muslim World

DANIEL SCHIMMEL Genocide and the Obligation of the International System to Distant Peoples

LAURA DENIGRISStudent Political Protest of the Sixties and its Legacy **LYNDSAY WEHRUM**The Torture Policy: U.S. Torture and Its Discontents

Social Sciences Building—016

Sociology III

RACHEL KORMAN Sex Tourism and the Sex Industry in Thailand: Why this is a national and international

problem and what is being done to help eradicate it

ELIZABETH ACKLEY Enhancing Academic Performance through Art in Schenectady Youth

MARGARET LICHT Edlercare in the United States: A Study of Nursing Homes and Quality of Life

RACHAEL CARSON The World's Largest Tobacco Consumer: The role of China's Societal Customs

and Socialist Government in the Smoking Epidemic

Social Sciences Building—017

Economics Honors III

SAMUEL ELIASDoes the Inclusion of a Pension Plan in a Workers Contract Affect Their Wages?

RYAN SELVIDIO The Economic Benefits of Different Tax Structures

ALLEN PIEKARA Entrepreneurship in America

AMAR SHAH Effects of Disability Management Initiatives on Productivity

3:30 – 5:10 p.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations

Bailey Hall—207 Moderator: Tomas Dvorak

Economics II

DANIEL HANLEY Financial Literacy Amoung Union College Faculty and Staff **JOHN SCHLICK** The Effect of Foreign Ownership on U.S. Companies

SHAYNA TOUBMAN Are women more generous than men? **GABRIELA WINTNER** Do Schools Level the Playing Field?

Bailey Hall—312 Moderator: Linda Stanhope

Psychology IV

MARIA TOBIN Improving Photo Retrieval in a Web Browser's History

AMY SCHECK Including Children with Disabilities in Mainstream Classrooms: Opinions of Future Parents

CLANCY SLACK Factors that Influence Public opinion Regarding Gay and Lesbian Adoption

EMILY STEMPLER Self-Monitoring and Theory of Mind in Three to Five-Year-Olds

VANESSA TYLER Effects of self-monitoring on susceptibility to active and passive peer pressure to date

Moderator: Judith Lewin

Moderator: Victoria Martinez

during early adolescence

Humanities Building-014

English Honors Thesis III

JENNA FRISCH Social Constructs: The American Dream and Masculinity

MARGARET LEVINE Creating Feminine Science Fiction: A Cixousian Analysis of Ursula Le Guin

MICHAEL MONTESANO We Hailed at the Twilight: A Cry for America, A Cry for Ourselves

CHISTINA VINCENT Drawing Out the Devil: An Examination of Milton's Satan, Sin, and Death through

Freudian and Jungian Analysis

Humanities Building—019

Mexican-American Border Mini Term

JARED IACOLUCCI The Battle for the Border: Working Conditions and Immigration Policy Along the U.S.-

Mexico Border

ERIN SCHUMAKER

MARGARET MCRUIZ

Just Across the Fence: Daily Life for Mexican Migrant Workers and Other Border Residents

MARIE SCHUBERT Border Fence--or Border Scar?

CHRISTINA MALDONADO

Concurrent Oral Presentations 3:30 - 5:10 p.m.

Humanities Building—112

Classics IV

RACHEL HOGUE Apiculture in the Ancient Mediterranean World

PETER MACDONALD Preserving Our Ancestor's Vision: American Neoclassical Architecture-Its Infliuential Role

in the Foundation and Establishment of Our Nationalist Order

SAMUEL WENGROVIUS Night in Plutarch's Lives

KELLY ZEBROWSKI Nazi Germany: An Empire Borrowed From The Classical World

Olin Building—106 Moderator: Brian Cohen

Biological Sciences IV

JILLIAN BANNISTER Analysis of Shi Wei Bai du Tang and Federal Oversight of Dietary Supplements **KEVIN MCKENZIE** The Investigation of Follicle Stimulating Hormone Receptor in Plasma Membrane

Moderator: Hans-Freidrich Mueller

Microdomain Residency

Role of Lipid Rafts in Follicle Stimulating Hormone Signal Transduction **AMY NESTLERODE** CHRISTIAN SIKORA Effects on signal transduction of S80A and S80E isoforms of caveolin-1 and

its interaction with Human Follicle Stimulating Hormone

Olin Building—115 Moderator: Mary Carroll

Aerogels

MICHAEL BONO Fabrication of an Aerogel Composite Catalytic Converter LAUREN BROWN Fabrication of Titania Aerogels using the RSCE method

MATTHEW SHERMAN Modifying the Mechanical Strength of Aerogels CHRIS BACKLUND Luminescent Probes of Hydrophobic Silica Aerogels VINCENT GILLICK Fabrication and Characterization of Drug-Doped Aerogels

Olin Building—306 Moderator: Helen Hanson

Electrical Engineering II

PATRICK O'HERN A Singer's Guide to Vocal Disorders

MATTHEW STATTON BiofeedbackTraining System for Improved Athletic Performance

MALCOLM DENNISON Renewable energy: Pico Hydro Power Generation **EDWARD HANCOCK**

3:30 – 5:10 p.m. Concurrent Oral Presentations

Science & Engineering Center—N304

Moderator: Ashok Ramasubramanian

Moderator: Cliff Brown

Moderator: Mark Walker

Moderator: David Cotter

Moderator: Stephen Schmidt

Mechanical Engineering III

JOHN BOYLE Using Liquid Crystals to Measure Shear Stresses in Cells

EDGAR ALOR Tractor Trailer Drag Reduction

JASON CURTIS Hydrogen Internal Combustion Engines: Optimizing Fuel Tracers

MATTHEW ADAMS In-vivo measurement of strain field gradients in an amphibian heart after

artificially-induced myocardial infarction

STEVEN HOPENGARTEN Design and Fabrication of a Full Suspension Mountain Bike Suspension System

Social Sciences Building—012

Political Science III

HUGH CAREY Biography of Governor Hugh L. Carey

ALAN COHOLAN

Science and Lobbbying Concerning Global Warming
TREVOR FLIKE

The Political Thought of William F. Buckley, Jr.

ARON MANDEL

The Economy's Effects On Gubernatorial Elections

Social Sciences Building—014

History II

ADAM KOSLIN Economic, Political, and Ideological Development in Post-Reconstruction Virginia **BETH SOLOMON** Social Theories Behind the Growth and Development of the German Universities

Social Sciences Building—016

Sociology & Africana Studies

GILLIAN RUSSO Women in the Military

JAMIE KRASNOFF The Affect of Hip Hop Culture on America

MADELYN DE LEON An Assesment of Health Education in New York City Public Schools

MONICA VIELKIND Childhood Obesity: Integrating the Individual and Public Health Perspectives

TATUM WEISHAUPT Adolescent Sexual Health in Schenectady: Improving Public Health Programming

Social Sciences Building—017

Economics Honors IV

OMAR JILANI Effect of Maternity-Leave Policies on Fertility Rates in OECD Countries

MATTHEW COOK Antitrust Law and Illinois Walls

CHELSEA HARGIS Do Gambling Establishments Increase White-Collar Crime

ANDREW MACKENZIE The Heuristic Search Model of Bounded Rationality

JACOB SHAFFREN A New Cold War? A Game Theoretical Analysi of a Chinese and Venezuelan Relationship

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. • Theater & Dance Department

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Dance Performances

Faculty Sponsor & Show Director - Miryam Moutillet

Faculty Choreographers Miryam Moutillet, Carla Domenico-Wasbes and Marcus Rogers

Stage Manager Darrell Tulcin

Live Music by Nine Inch Nails Andy Iorio – Musical Director

Tristan Allen - *Keyboard* Jake Klein – *Drums* Julio Vidal - *Guitar* Will Wilkins – *Bass*

Dance Experience Collaborative

Just Like You Imagined Directed by Miryam Moutillet

Created and performed by Valerie Angell, Julia Friedman, Krystle Gallo, Shauna Keeler, Jennifer Lachance, Kira Moldow, Jessica Nagourney, Erin Schumaker, Emily Stano

and Samantha Zayas

Physical Theatre

The Hand that Feeds Directed by Miryam Moutillet

Created and performed by Valerie Angell, Zachary Barash, Annie Benfield,

Sarah Coleman, Kira Moldow, Lacey Morgan, Thomas Perry,

Ayanna Vinson-Dobson and Samantha Zayas

Dance Projects

A Warm Place Choreographed and performed by Annie Benfield and Amelia Patten-Whitney

I'd Rather Dance Choreographed by Erin Bligh

Dancers: Joey Abate, Valerie Angell, Erin Bligh, Peter Bonventre, Dave Sayles

and Samantha Zayas

Toxic Waste Choreographed by Jennifer Fleischer and Katie Newingham

Jennifer Fleischer, Shauna Keeler, Katie Newingham, Kaitlyn O'Connor,

Katie Sofia and Julie Vairo

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. • Theater & Dance Department (cont'd)

Ballet III

Zero-Sum Choreographed by Miryam Moutillet

Dancers: Colleen Easton, Shauna Keeler, Danielle Kreig, Alexandra Lindsay,

Kira Moldow

Modern Choreography

The Mark Has Been Made Choreographed by Miryam Moutillet

Dancers: Annie Benfield, Jen Fleischer, Shauna Keeler, Danielle Kreig, Lacey Morgan, Katie Newingham, Nozomi Sakata, Ayanna Vinson-Dobson and Amelia Patten Whitney

Jazz Choreography

Just Dance Choreographed by Marcus Rogers

Dancers: Anna Finlay, Krystle Gallo, Emily Lnenicka, Kaitlyn O'Connor, Julie Vairo,

Amanda Wiener and Samantha Zayas

Tap Dance

Retox the Freak Choreographed by Marcus Rogers

Dancer and Drummer: Jacob LaRocca

Dance Team

Break the ice, ice Baby Choreographed and performed by

Amy Cerini, Jen Fleischer, Rachel Fitz, Krystle Gallo, Amy Gold, Adrienne Hart, Sara Mark, Kira Moldow, Andrea Morehouse, Jessica Nagourney, Robin Panella,

Rachael Singleton, Katie Sofia and Emily Stano

Ballroom Dance Club

Buleria Choreographed by Amber Woerner

Dancers: Joey Abate, Valerie Angell, Zachary Barash, Erin Bligh, Pete Bonventre, Emily Burgess, Megan Hyndman, Ben Miles, Dave Sayles, Maggie Wilson, Samantha Zayas

and Adam Zinman

Bhangra Union

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Burns Arts Atrium Gallery • Arts Building

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Independent study in printmaking and drawing:



Union College Jazz Ensemble

Saturday, May 2, 2009 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Professor Timothy Olsen, Director

Taylor Music Center

Fred L. Emerson Foundation Auditorium

FLUTE

Jessica Nagourney '12

SAXES

Greg Bloom '11 Peter Bonventre '11 Charles Fontana '09 Devin Harrison '09

TRUMPET

Rachel Finkelstein '12 Nikhil Patel '09 Nick Potvin '09

TROMBONE

Sara Deady '12 Jacob LaRocca '12

VIBES

Tom Perry '09

PIANO

Luke Bryden '09 Tom Perry '09 Geoffrey Raynor '09

GUITAR

David Kislik '10

BASS

Jacob Witkop '12

DRUMSET/PERCUSSION

Andrew Donnelly '10 William Hernandez '09 Jakob Klein '09

VOCALS

Yubin Choi '11 William Hernandez '09

The Union College Department of Music presents

Steinmetz Concert 2009

bу

The Union College Camerata Singers
Victor Klimash, Conductor
and

The Union College and Community Orchestra

Victor Klimash, Conductor

with

Wesley Pyen ('09), Violin

8:00pm — Friday, May 1, 2009 The Union College Memorial Chapel

Program

I

Four Motets

Ubi caritas Tantum ergo Tota pulchra es, Maria Tu es Petrus Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

The Union College Camerata Singers

II

The Hebrides Overture (Fingal's Cave)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Union College and Community Orchestra

III

Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, Opus 48

Allegro molto e con brio Wesley Pyen ('09), Violin Dmitri Kabalevsky (1904-1987)

IV

A Lincoln Portrait

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Steinmetz Symposium 2009

The Union College Camerata Singers

Victor Klimash, Conductor • Lyda Urresta, Assistant to the Conductor

Soprano Heidi Ching Emily Lnenicka Kara McCabe Lyda Urresta

Tenor

Emmett O'Connell Nicholas Potvin Geoffrey Raynor Alex Schlosberg

Alto

Faryn Freireich Emily Karam Eliana Lakritz Lauren Obst

Bass

Zachary Barash Phillip Castonguay Evan Kalkbrenner Raymond Marini

The Union College and Community Orchestra

Victor Klimash, Conductor • Rachel Gray, Assistant to the Conductor

Violin I

Wesley Pyen Shalini Singaravelne Ted Mihran Virginia Traver David Wilkinson Ann K. Seidman Shabana Hoosein Brian Rosenblatt Javne McCann Gino Bianchi

Violin II

Marion Kouzan Patrick J. Lingane Moe Brand Janet Weick Carol Blom Virginia Gordon Carol Meyer Elizabeth Graham

Viola

Samuel Yoon Rachel Farnum Edith Kliman Darren Del Dotto Lily Marto Karl O. Brosch Peggy Gerardi

Violoncello

Cathie-Jo Brun Tim Johnson Karen Brooks Nancy Teichner Ellen Gunst Beatrice Kovasznay Oakley Frost Misty Shah

Flute

Cassie Blanchette Johannah Ryan

Contrabass

Elana Korn

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Alex Post Ajay Major English Horn Diane S. Baltazar

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Rachel Gray Camille Mori Bassoon Katie Iordon Nehal Thakkar

Horn

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Trumpet Vince Castelli

Tuba Connor Dodd

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